



Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

Program Descriptions

Unless otherwise stated, programs begin at the visitor center.

*Programs marked with an asterisk require reservations. Call 419-898-0014 to save your spot!

OTTAWA WILDLIFE DRIVE

Enjoy the refuge from the comfort of your car! The 7 mile ONE WAY route departs from the visitor center entrance road. Open sunrise to sunset.
(Entrance gate closes one hour prior to sunset)

BLUE GOOSE BUS TOUR

Join a ranger for behind the scenes access to closed areas of the refuge complex. Destinations vary depending on wildlife use and activity.

EAGLE TOUR

Enjoy our national icon during this back roads bus tour of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge.

HIKE THE DIKES

"Hike the Dikes" is a cooperative program with Magee Marsh Wildlife Area and Black Swamp Bird Observatory. Attend three and earn a hiking stick!

MONTHLY BIRD SURVEYS

Join refuge volunteers and become a citizen scientist the first Sunday of each month at 8:00 am. Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather.
Meet at the trailhead parking area.

17th ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

Enjoy the splendor of your federal lands through this annual photo contest. Categories include Birds, Wildlife, Landscapes, and People. Contest entry forms are available at the visitor center and online.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

NATURE TOTS

Children ages 3-5; bring your favorite adult for nature crafts, stories, and outdoor fun!

SWAMPERS

Children ages 6-12; join us to explore the refuge and have a swampin' good time!

MARSH MONDAYS

Join us for outdoor adventure and fun! Children ages 8—12 meet from 9:30 am to 3 pm.
June 20— August 15

Aqua Adventure Day Camp

June 21 –24, 9:30 am to 3 pm, ages 8-12
Dive into aquatic biology and discover the underwater creatures that thrive in wetlands.

Refuge Ranger Day Camp

July 5 –8, 9:30 am to 3 pm, ages 8-12
Aug 9-12, 9:30 am to 3 pm, ages 8-12
Budding biologists discover plants and animals while exploring prairies, wetlands and woods at Ottawa NWR.

Expedition Photography Day Camp

August 2—5, 9:30 am to 3 pm, ages 8-12
This nature based day camp will teach the basics of photography while exploring the refuge.



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Calendar of Events

June—August, 2016

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Saturday, June 4

10:30-11:30am— Nature Tots*

1:00-2:30pm— Swampers*

Sunday, June 5

8:00am— Monthly Bird Survey

Saturday, June 11

9am— Hike the Dikes

9am-12pm— Eagle Tour*

12:30pm- 3:30pm— Eagle Tour*

Sunday, June 12

9am-12pm— Eagle Tour*

12:30pm- 3:30pm— Eagle Tour*

Saturday, June 18

Ottawa Wildlife Drive

Sunday, June 19

Ottawa Wildlife Drive

Monday, June 20

9:30am-3pm— Marsh Mondays*

June 21-24: Aqua Adventure Camp

Saturday, June 25

9am-12pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour*

1-4pm— Members Only Bus Tour*

Sunday, June 26

9am-12pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Monday, June 27

9:30am-3pm— Marsh Mondays*

Saturday, July 2

10:30-11:30am— Nature Tots*

1:00-2:30pm— Swampers*

Sunday, July 3

8:00am— Monthly Bird Survey

9am-12pm— Eagle Tour*

Monday, July 4

9:30am-3pm— Marsh Mondays*

July 5-8: Refuge Ranger Camp

Saturday, July 9

9am— Hike the Dikes

Monday, July 11

9:30am-3pm— Marsh Mondays*

Saturday, July 16

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Sunday, July 17

Ottawa Wildlife Drive

Monday, July 18

9:30am-3pm— Marsh Mondays*

Saturday, July 23

9am-12pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour*

1-4pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Sunday, July 24

9am-12pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour*

1-4pm— Members Only Bus Tour*

Monday, July 25

9:30am-3pm— Marsh Mondays*

Monday, August 1

9:30am-3pm— Marsh Mondays*

August 2-5: Expedition Photography

Saturday, August 6

10:30-11:30am— Nature Tots*

1-2:30pm— Swampers*

Sunday, August 7

8:00am— Monthly Bird Survey

Monday, August 8

9:30am-3pm— Marsh Mondays*

August 9-12: Refuge Ranger Camp

Saturday, August 13

9am— Hike the Dikes

Sunday, August 14

9am-12pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour*

1-4pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour*

Monday, August 15

9:30am-3pm— Marsh Mondays*

Saturday, August 20

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9am-12pm-Members Only Bus Tour*

Sunday, August 21

Ottawa Wildlife Drive



Members Only Events:

Saturday, June 25 1—4pm: Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge Bus Tour*

Sunday, July 24 1—4pm: Darby Marsh, Blausey & Boss Unit Bus Tour*

Saturday, August 20 9am—12pm: Bus Tour of newly acquired properties*

Membership information is available at the visitor center information desk.